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**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**

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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DAIRY PROTEIN PROCESS AND APPLICATIONS THEREOF; the specification of which was filed in the United States on June 24, 2005, as Application Serial No. 10/540,829 and which is based on International Application Number PCT/NZ2003/000288 filed December 22, 2003.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

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### PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

### Priority Claimed

No.: PCT/NZ2003/000288 Country: PCT Date Filed: December 22, 2003 Yes

No.: 523394 Country: New Zealand Date Filed: December 24, 2002 Yes

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